

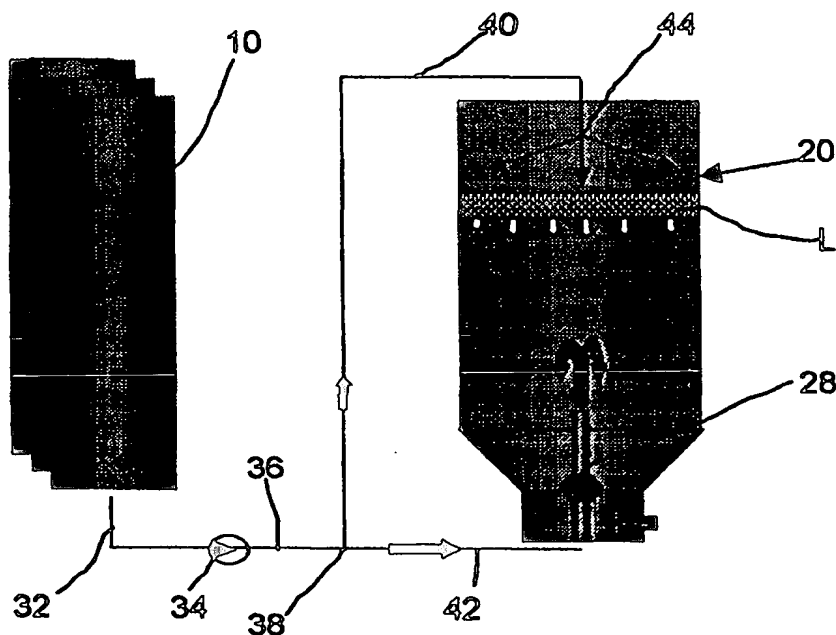


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**(54) Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING PULP**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for treating pulp in connection with a blow tank or a storage tank. A characteristic feature of the method and apparatus for treating pulp according to a preferred embodiment of the invention is that the pulp is discharged from a batch digester (10) and fed either to the upper or the lower part of a so-called blow tank (20), depending on the consistency of the pulp being discharged from the digester (10).



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